



# Arkansas Department of Health

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## Reciprocity Field Evaluation Process

All Candidates applying for EMSP Reciprocity Licensure at the level of EMT will be required to challenge the Arkansas Reciprocity Field Evaluation. This process is designed to evaluate basic understanding of the skills required of EMT personnel in the state of Arkansas. The Reciprocity Field Evaluation will consist of 3 stations using the grading criteria of the NREMT EMT test. To schedule your Reciprocity Field Evaluation you must complete page 13 in the Reciprocity Manual and correctly submit all requirements for licensure. The Arkansas Department of Health will contact you to advise any complications or issues related to your application and provide contact information for the testing site of your choosing. The 3 stations to be completed are:

- **Patient Assessment Station**

This station will evaluate the candidate's performance on either the Patient Assessment Medical or the Patient Assessment Trauma station. The skill to be evaluated will be selected at random on the day of your scheduled evaluation. The sheets used to evaluate your performance are attached at the end of this document.

- **Spinal Immobilization Station**

This station will evaluate the candidate's performance on either the Long Spine Board or the KED/Half Spine Board station. The skill to be evaluated will be selected at random on the day of your scheduled evaluation. The sheets used to evaluate your performance are attached at the end of this document.

- **Oral EMT Basic Skills Station**

This station will evaluate the candidate's understanding of all skills and devices used in the state of Arkansas. This station is designed by the testing agency and can accompany any or all skills and procedures found in the Arkansas EMT Scope of practice. A sample question is provided below.

Sample Question: What is the EMT's goal while splinting a unstable radius/ulna fracture?

Sample Answer: Any response that covers specifies the desire to immobilize the joint above and below the fracture site and secure the extremity for transport will be acceptable.

A map of all training sites in the state of Arkansas is also provided under the Reciprocity section of our web site. Candidates will be required to test at any ALS approved school (either ALS or Reciprocity ALS) or here at the Arkansas Department of Health which holds a test every month. Note any EMT candidate with military experience will not be required to participate in the processes in honor of their service, candidates with military experience must submit a valid DD214 with their application.